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INTERVIEWS WITH WITNESSES

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- 1. DEPTEL IS FIRST INDICATION WE HAVE RECEIVED THAT JUSTICE DEPT AND CUSTOMS BUREAU PLAN TO INTERVIEW WITNESSES HERE FOR AN INVESTIGATION OF OVERSEAS PAYMENTS OF CERTAIN CORPORATIONS, PRESUMABLY US-BASED.
- 2. EMBASSYBELIEVES IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO NOTIFY GODR OF SUCH INVESTIGATION, INCLUDING INFORMATION AS IT ITS PURPOSE, NATIONALITY OF WITNESSES, COMPANIES INVOLVED, ETC. NOT-WITHSTANDING INFORMALITY OF PROPOSED INTERVIEWS, WE NOTE THAT FOLLOWING RECENT INTERVIEWS OF DOMINICAN NATIONALS BY WASHINGTON OFFICIALS, WORD QUICKLY LEAKED TO PRESS THAT INVESTIGATION WAS UNDERWAY
- 3. WITH DOMINICAN NATIONAL ELECTION ONLY SOME THREE WEEKS OFF, WE URGE INVESTIGATORS TO POSTPONE VISIT HERE UNTIL AFTER MAY 16 TO AVOID ANY POSSIBILITY FOR MISUNDERSTANDINGS OR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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POLITICAL EXPLOITATION.

4. THERE WOULD BE ADEQUATE SPACE AND OTHER FACILITIES IN THE EMBASSY FOR PURPOSES OF THEIR VISIT. WE WILL NEED, IN ADDITION TO THEIR NEW ETA, THEIR DESIRES REGARDING HOTEL RESERVATIONS SO THEY CAN BE MET AND ASSISTED.

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